

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☒ **X**  
no ☐

Property Name: Garage, Spring Grove Inventory Number: BA-2343  
Address: Spring Grove Hospital City: Catonsville Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
County: Baltimore County USGS Topographic Map: Baltimore West  
Owner: DHMH Is the property being evaluated a district? ☐ yes  
Tax Parcel Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Map Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Account ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Project: \_\_\_\_\_ Agency: \_\_\_\_\_  
Site visit by MHT staff: ☐ no ☒ **X** yes Name: L. Bowlin, 1985 Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Is the property is located within a historic district? ☒ **X** yes ☐ no

*If the property is within a district* District Inventory Number: BA-2319  
NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☒ **X** yes Name of District: Spring Grove Hospital Center  
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☒ **X** yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐ yes

*If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)* Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☐ yes ☐ no

Criteria: ☒ **X** A ☐ B ☒ **X** C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

#BA 157 (Bowlin, 1986); Project Review & Compliance Files; Spring Grove Architectural Survey Notebook

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

Spring Grove Hospital Center, Catonsville, Baltimore County was initially determined eligible for the Maryland Register of Historic Properties in 1986. Trust policy is that any property eligible for the MRHP is also eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Spring Grove is eligible under Criterion A, events, as the first state-sponsored facility for the mentally ill. The hospital had its origins in 1797 where the indigent sick and insane were cared for in Baltimore. By 1872 the hospital had outgrown its site and the state chose a new 200-acresite in Catonsville. The District is also eligible under Criterion C, as an architectural example. The hospital center does not have a specific layout, but rather its growth and development are demonstrated through the construction of buildings in response to new needs and developments in the care of the mentally ill. The 1985 survey included 25 buildings built between 1872 and 1944. All are eligible contributing resources to the historic district.

[\*from Spring Grove Hospital Center DOE]

As a result of the recently completed survey, 25 buildings have been determined to be historically and architecturally significant to the development of public mental health care in Maryland at Spring Grove Hospital Center.  
This property, BA-2336, Rice Auditorium, was included on the list of significant properties.  
(See Bowlin, 1985)

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

Eligibility recommended ☒ **X** Eligibility not recommended ☐

Criteria: ☒ **X** A ☐ B ☒ **X** C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

MHT Comments

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Date

Reviewer, NR Program

Date

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BA-2343

Prepared by: L. Bowlin, 1985 (MHT)

Date Prepared: \_\_\_\_\_

BA-2343

1937

Garage

Public

Spring Grove Hospital Center

Catonsville

The Garage is a one story, shiplap and cement building with a cinder block addition on the west wall which produces an L formation. The building shows a gable roof.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Garage

and/or common

### 2. Location

street &amp; number \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Catonsville \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district 3state Maryland county Baltimore

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u>X</u> district	<u>X</u> public	<u>X</u> occupied	_____ agriculture _____ museum
<u>X</u> building(s)	_____ private	_____ unoccupied	_____ commercial _____ park
_____ structure	_____ both	_____ work in progress	_____ educational _____ private residence
_____ site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	_____ entertainment _____ religious
_____ object	_____ in process	<u>X</u> yes: restricted	_____ government _____ scientific
	_____ being considered	_____ yes: unrestricted	_____ industrial _____ transportation
	_____ not applicable	_____ no	_____ military <u>X</u> other: Hospital

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Department of Health and Mental Hygienestreet & number 201 West Preston Street telephone no.: 301-225-6816city, town Baltimore state and zip code Maryland 21201

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber

street &amp; number \_\_\_\_\_ folio

city, town Towson state Maryland

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title \_\_\_\_\_

date \_\_\_\_\_ federal \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_ local

depository for survey records \_\_\_\_\_

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state

## 7. Description

Survey No.

BA-2343

### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Garage is a one story building covered with shiplap and synthetic siding resting on a cement foundation. Oriented toward the east, a cinder block addition appears on the west and north walls, producing an "L" shaped configuration. The simple gable roof exists with plain, projecting verges and boxed returns. The building was built in 1937.

The eastern wall reveals four openings. A very plain single sash, six paned window flanks a modern wooden door. While the surround is wooden, the sill is metal. A metal hood awning shadows the door. The last two openings are large garage doors, separated by a wooden pier. The retractable metal doors have cement sills and wooden surrounds. The fenestration on the other faces of the original building is defined by full length screens, wooden sills and surrounds, and a 6/6 double-hung sash.

The cinder block addition is a slightly shorter, one story structure which rests on a stone foundation and is capped by a gable roof. The gable roof has closed verges and wooden returns. A single, retractable garage door exists on the north wall of the addition while the other faces of the modern addition lack any openings.

Like many of the buildings at Spring Grove, the interior of the garage has witnessed alterations. Modern changes were made to accommodate office space such as dropped ceilings and tile floor. A substantial portion of the garage remains in its intended function. Unfinished walls, high ceilings, and a cement floor complete with trough characterize the interior of the garage.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. BA-2343

<b>Period</b>	<b>Areas of Significance—Check and justify below</b>			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1937 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☒ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Garage moderately contributes to the historic environment of Spring Grove State Hospital. Built in 1937, the Garage is one of the few buildings constructed at Spring Grove specifically designed to house motor vehicles. Many buildings have been converted from previous uses such as a stable or the root cellar to house vehicles. The capacity of the Garage is not large; the interior space functions mainly as an area for automotive repair. As the hospital increased its fleet of vehicles, it became necessary to provide adequate space for maintenance of those vehicles. The Garage reaffirms the hospital's aim to be responsible for as many tasks as possible and thereby creating a more self-sufficient hospital.

Architecturally, the Garage is non-descript. Probably constructed by the hospital, the construction materials mix clapboard and cinder blocks. While the design of the building does not detract from the built environment of the hospital, the Garage does not add any significant amount of architectural or historical value either.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. BA-2343

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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GARAGE

SPRING GROVE HOSPITAL CENTER

CATONSVILLE, MARYLAND

SOUTH AND EAST WALL

DON JEWELL, 4/86

NEGATIVES AT MHT